

**AMESBURY COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2021**



Members Present: Gayle Yarnall, Kliggie Thomas, Lee Ford, Ann Sutherland, Frankie Lallemand, Doreen Arnfield

Meeting called to order at 4:34 PM

Secretary's Report: Kliggie moved to accept as submitted; Lee seconded the motion; approved.

Treasurer's Report: Frankie moved to accept as submitted; Kliggie seconded the motion; approved.

Our balance as of Oct. 12, 2021 is \$26,359. We have taken in some donations from the few classes being held. Our lunch donations have been generous and added more substantial amounts to our accounts. We are doing fairly well taking into consideration our COVID restrictions. We still have a few expenses outstanding from the Wine & Cheese Social. The FCOA is our cosponsor and will be covering half of the cost.

Director's Report: Kliggie moved to accept; Lee seconded the motion; approved.

Old Business:

Age Friendly Task Force is meeting and still looking for new members. Will be an asset for the city.

MassDOT Grant is on hold. There is an 18 month wait time for vans due to supply chain issues.

Cummings Grant will announce decision in October or November.

Rose and Franks Olbash and Anne Marie Ahola have all resigned from the FCOA board. Need new members!

New Business:

Stats are being worked on by Doreen and Jon. There are some categories that are not being picked up eg: MVRTA rides, Wednesday food deliveries, Clinical notes. Doreen will hold a training session with staff to ensure all know how to add notes to be picked up in statistics.

Greenleaf Supportive Day has an average of 6 attendees per day; 9 total in program. A budget analysis has shown that the cost per day with 4 full days and 8 attendees is \$75. Elder Services pays \$37 per day and ACOA is only slightly higher.

EMHOT expansion to include Rowley with the added MCOA grant is still needing a case worker.

Health Fair was a success with \$7400 in pledges. Not all attendees were

captured because of an issue with the Ipad.

Tax Work-Off is winding down. Some participants had decided to withdraw of the program without contacting Doreen. She will stress the need for more communication for next year's program during her current interviews.

We need ideas to reduce the noise level in the reception area. The board discussed the possibility of using the old Youth Services office for the receptionist since it seems to not be in use. The discussion was tabled.

Van transportation ideas were discussed at length. Since the MassDOT is not an option for now, the possibility of getting a free used van from MVRTA and using the \$17,000+ from IFS and \$20,000 from state earmark was raised. Lee made a motion to allow Doreen to proceed with exploring the option of accepting a free van from MVRTA; and using the monies from IFS and the MA state earmark for any mechanical work needed and paying for a part-time driver. Frankie seconded the motion; approved by all.

Upcoming Programs:

Wine & Cheese Social 10/21 4:30-5:30 Cosponsored by FCOA

Veterans' Breakfast November 12 COA 9:00 AM. Shared Living will cook. Veterans' office will donate \$200.

Holiday Luncheon 12/8 at Holy Family parish hall. Shared Living will prepare food; Amesbury Rotary will serve (as usual). Will need to limit the number of attendees. Servers will wear masks. Karaoke machine.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2021 due to Veterans' Day holiday

Lee made a motion to adjourn at 5:44; Frankie seconded.